

## HORTICULTURE

Plastic poinsettias  
have been cultivated  
enlarged  
and improved so much  
that Ruthie has a row of them  
on her sink  
forgets  
and gives them each  
a drink of water  
now and then

## HABITS

Bobby Wayne Dike  
changed his name to B. W. Dike  
after he graduated  
from law school in San Francisco  
more credible  
he told his mom and dad when  
he came home  
in a three piece suit that they  
financed  
but he went to the kitchen and  
ate beans from a pot on the stove  
I came in the back door  
and caught him  
before he could put the mixing spoon  
down